

## **ABSTRACT**

**CREATIVE PROJECT:** Preservation Plan for the Kirby Historic District

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This creative project provides a historic preservation plan for the Kirby Historic District in Muncie, Indiana. Muncie has eleven historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, two of these districts have strong neighborhood associations that work with the City of Muncie to advocate and regulate historic preservation activities within their neighborhood. The other nine, however, do not.

The Kirby Historic District is a small neighborhood that encompasses twenty-six residential buildings and one commercial building. The district has no vacant lots and most of the properties are in average to good condition. Much of the historic character of the district remains intact and sixty-nine percent of the property owners live within the district. The Kirby Historic District Preservation Plan examines the current condition of the district and outlines a plan for its continued preservation and improvement while taking into consideration current city policies and community planning initiatives. The plan also includes an updated inventory of all buildings in the district.